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SUBJ: CONSORTIUM FOR TURKEY

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1. ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR MACDONALD MET WITH CONSORTIUM CHAIRMAN GIEL AND SECRETARY KUEHN DECEMBER 13TH. GIEL'S MAIN EFFORT AT THIS MEETING WAS AGAIN TO URGE MACDONALD TO MEET INFORMALLY WITH FRG AID OFFICIALS FOR DISCUSSION OF EACH OTHER'S PLANS FOR FUTURE ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY. HE EXPLAINED THAT SINCE HE AND MACDONALD LAST MET IN WASHINGTON, HE HAD DECIDED FRG AND U.S. OFFICIALS SHOULD NOT, REPEAT NOT, DISCUSS PROPOSAL TO SET UP CONSORTIUM WORKING GROUPS TO STUDY SPECIFIC TURKISH ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AT SUCH A MEETING; RATHER, HE THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT TWO LARGEST DONORS TO TURKEY BE FAMILIAR WITH EACH OTHER'S PLANS FOR ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY. GIEL REPORTED ON RECENT DISCUSSION WITH FRG AID OFFICIALS. HE SAID FRG WAS PREPARED TO MAKE NEW PLEDGE OF DM 130 MILLION FOR ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY, DM 35 MILLION OF WHICH WOULD BE SET ASIDE FOR ASSISTANCE TO PRIVATE SECTOR, AND THAT FRG OFFICIALS WERE VERY ANXIOUS TO GET TOGETHER INFORMALLY WITH U.S. TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY. MACDONALD CONFIRMED

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TO GIEL U.S. DID NOT INTEND MEET WITH OTHER DONORS IN

INITIATIVE TO CONSIDER FUTURE OF OR NEW ROLE FOR CONSORTIUM. GOT WAS PRINCIPAL MEMBER OF CONSORTIUM AND ANY SUCH DISCUSSION SHOULD PREFERABLY BE INITIATED BY GOT. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT HE WOULD, OF COURSE, HAVE OCCASION TO MEET WITH FRG REPRESENTATIVES AT MEETINGS OF OTHER CONSORTIVE GROUPS TO BE HELD IN PARIS IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY OR IN BONN SHOULD HE BE PASSING THROUGH, AND THAT THIS WOULD OFFER OPPORTUNITY OF EXCHANGE GENERAL VIEWS AND INFORMATION ON LIKELY PROJECT COMMITMENTS THIS AND NEXT YEAR. GIEL WAS PLEASED WITH THIS REPLY.

2. MACDONALD THEN ASKED GIEL WHETHER HE COULD SHED ANY LIGHT ON FRG POLICY RE IMMIGRANT TURKISH WORKERS. GIEL DID NOT PROVIDE ANY INFO ADDITIONAL TO THAT IN REFTEL.

3. GIEL SAID HE PLANNED TO DISTRIBUTE BERRILL REPORT IN EARLY JANUARY EVEN IF GOT COMMENTS NOT YET RECEIVED AND THAT NEXT CONSORTIUM MEETING WILL BE HELD IN MARCH. MACDONALD ASSURED GIEL U.S. WOULD BE READY TO ATTEND MARCH MEETING. GIEL AGAIN EXPRESSED HIS DISAPPOINTMENT AT RELUCTANCE OF GOT OFFICIALS, EVEN AT NON-POLITICAL LEVEL, TO CARRY ON CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOG WITH HIM AND KUEHN RE TURKEY'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

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